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New Deputy Commissioners

By Mike Jennings, CFC Communications

There's been a changing of the guard in the Deputy Commissioners' offices of the Department for Community Based Services.

In September, Cathy Mobley, formerly director of the division of policy development, assumed one of the two Deputy Commissioner positions. Mobley replaced Marty Mason, who retired.

On Nov. 16, Dana Jackson, director of the Division of Protection and Permanency, replaced Bonnie Hommrich in the other Deputy Commissioner's slot. Hommrich has been named principal assistant to Cabinet Secretary Viola Miller, replacing Sharon Perry, who has retired.

Mobley's 27-year career with the Cabinet began in Fayette County, where she inspected health facilities for the division of licensing and regulation. She also served as a foster care worker in Madison County and a family assistance caseworker in Mercer County before moving to the Cabinet's central office in 1989.

In Frankfort, Mobley helped implement the family support program for the division of management and development, then served as staff assistant to the commissioner of the department for social insurance. She

was director of policy development from 1998 until her appointment as Deputy Commissioner.

Mobley, a native of Harrodsburg, holds a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Kentucky, where she graduated with high distinction.

Jackson, a Louisville native, is a relative newcomer to the Cabinet. She was appointed director of the Division of Child Care in April 1999 after spending nearly eight years as coordinator of a Family Resource Center for the Jefferson County Public Schools. She has been director of Protection and Permanency since December 2000.

Jackson was previously a counselor at California's Aviva Respite Shelter, where she helped identify and provide services to at-risk adolescents in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

She holds bachelor's degrees in psychology and child development from California State University, where she graduated magna cum laude. She also holds a master's degree in clinical psychology from Spalding University in Louisville.

Mobley and Jackson will help Community Based Services Commissioner Dietra Paris administer programs and oversee the Cabinet's 16 service regions.

Don't Leave Mail Recipients Guessing



When you send state mail, don't make the recipient wonder who sent it.

Cabinet Secretary Viola Miller asks CFC employees statewide to make sure all mail sent from their offices bears a return address.

It's long been the rule that a return address be on every piece of mail generated by a state office and processed by the Finance and Administration Cabinet's Division of Postal Services.

Recent events in the nation and the U.S. postal system make putting return addresses on envelopes and packages a more urgent matter. Jeff Thurmond, director of the Division of Postal Services, has asked state agencies to remind their employees of it.

A return address provides no guarantee of safety, Thurmond's memo says, but "it does provide more of a sense of legitimacy than a piece of mail with no return address or only a partial one."

Judi's Treasure Chest

First Lady Judi Patton in collaboration with Verizon Wireless has created a project to collect school supplies and toys for children and youth who reside in Domestic Abuse Shelters until permanent housing arrangements can be made. These children and youth most often leave home with nothing but the clothing on their backs because of the violence and the need to escape when the opportunity arrives.

Your gift can be placed in the "red treasure chest" in the lobby of the CHR Building through the end of November. This is an opportunity to open your arms once again to help a child in need.



Outstanding Employees Kneaded

Family and Adult Consultative Services Branch Manager, Sue Crone, held a drawing in their Quality Central office as part of Employee Recognition Week.

Employees were asked to submit names of staff members who had been supportive or helped them in some way by going above and beyond their regular job responsibilities. Approximately 17 members participated in the contest and two names were drawn.

Cindy Ford, Fiduciary, and Yvonne Mitchell, Guardianship, each won a free 15-minute massage. Sue paid for the massages from her winnings in the Halloween costume contest.

Veterans Recognition Potluck in Warren County

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Over 100 people attended a Veterans Recognition Potluck lunch on Thursday November 8, 2001, at the Old Sears Building. Employees of the Cabinet for Families and Children (CFC) organized the event.

"About 10 – 15 Veterans from the community attended," said Leta Wilson, an Adult Protection Services worker in Warren County, who served on the Committee that organized the event. "About 10 – 15 Veterans from the Division of Protection and Permanency (P&P) and the Division of Family Support (DFS) attended. We

had veterans from the Gulf War, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and World War II."

All the veterans received a Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition and a HERO pin. Veterans working for CFC also received a paperweight tinted blue with an American flag on it and an engraved inscription: In Honor of Service. Jessica Cowles, a Social Service Worker, made the paperweights, and Brenda McGregor of DFS made the certificates.

An empty chair draped with an American Flag represented the veterans who didn't come back from war.

"I work with veterans," Wilson said. "I feel honored to work with them. They deserved the recognition we gave them yesterday. They've made great sacrifices for our freedom, and they're still willing to sacrifice."

Wiley Willis, the Edmonson County VA representative for 26 years and a WWII veteran, spoke to the group about veterans benefits and the impact of war on family, community, and the nation, and he shared some of his own war experiences.

Debra Harwood, a Social Service Aide, began organizing the event after presenting her idea to Barren River Service Region Administrator Mary Cook. She sent out her idea in an e-mail to the Barren River Service Region, and that was followed by the formation of a committee to plan the event.

"This has brought a lot of people together in this building regardless of their cabinet," Harwood said. "DFS was involved in this as well as P & P staff, guests from other agencies, one of our Foster Parents, and friends and family that are veterans."

Larry Barnes, Michael Anderson, Sheila King, Jessica Cowles, Jennifer Carr, Tara Wilson, Keith Logsdon, Leta Wilson, Terry Baker, Angela Simpson, and Debra Harwood, all of P&P, and Brenda McGregor of Family Support, served on the committee that planned the event.